

# OWANA OWL

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September 20112

Dear Neighbors:

Our wonderful ever changing neighborhood seems to be quite the hotbed of activity of new restaurant openings and many renovations, additions and new home builds. With this comes construction and new arrivals to visit our little jewel of the city. We welcome this as change means an alive and thriving community.

Many of the changes are along the 5th and 6th street corridor complete with new businesses and new traffic lights at several locations. Our Vision Committee has been working with University of Texas architecture students developing a plan for the inevitable growth along these thoroughfares and we will have a presentation at the General Membership meeting in September.

As you know there are many festivals, races, and events throughout the city. As an adjacent neighborhood to Lady Bird Lake and the ACL Festival our neighborhood receives a few tickets which we distribute to our neighbors through both a drawing and a bidding process. This occurs at our fall meeting on September 11th.

Hope to see you there!!

John Teinert, OWANA Chair

# Membership Update

## OWANA Memberships

OWANA currently has only 237 residential memberships and 25 business memberships, just a fraction of the homes and businesses located in Old West Austin.

Could you help us pass the word that OWANA represents everyone in our neighborhood?

It will take only a few minutes for you to copy and paste this link [www.owana.org/join](http://www.owana.org/join) into an email and send it to a couple of your neighbors and businesses who are not members. Tell them that all they need to do is to click the link and it will take them to a page where they can become an OWANA member.

Our memberships are very reasonable, starting at only \$20/yr for residents and \$50/yr for businesses. Resident members within the OWANA boundaries are entitled to vote at our General Membership Meeting and business members get to advertise in the quarterly newsletter, *The OWANA Owl*. So let your neighbors and businesses know what a great opportunity OWANA membership is. All they have to do is click on [www.owana.org/join](http://www.owana.org/join). Thank you so much for helping OWANA!

George Warmingham  
Membership Chair  
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# Win a pair of tickets to the 2012 ACL Music Festival

Would you like to help OWANA and also get a chance to win a pair of 3-day passes to the **sold out** Austin City Limits Music Festival? This year the festival will be held Oct 12-14 and features many great band including The Red Hot Chili Peppers, Neil Young and Crazy Horse, The Black Keys, Jack White, Florence + The Machine and The Avett Brothers.

OWANA will hold a drawing for a pair of tickets to the Festival at our General Membership meeting on Sept 11. To win all you have to do is be a current member of OWANA and be present at the meeting when we draw for the ACL tickets. We will also have a silent auction offering three more pairs of ACL tickets.

So join or renew your OWANA membership today for a chance to win a pair of ACL Music Festival 3-day passes.

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**September 2012 OWANA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AGENDA**  
**11 September 2012, TUESDAY 7:00 PM**

Old West Austin Neighborhood Association  
General Membership Meeting  
Mathews Elementary  
906 West Lynn

Mix and mingle at 6:45 prior to meeting

- I. Call to order - 7pm
- II. Approve Minutes
- III. Mathews 100 Year Celebration – Saralyn Stewart
- IV. Presentation of CAR FREE DAY – Jessica Tunon
- V. Presentation of 5th and 6th St. Vision – Prof. Dean Almy
- VI. Discussion of 5th and 6th St. Corridor – Joe Loiacono
- VI. Discussion of ACL Festival and distribution of tickets – Paul Seals
- VII. Treasurer's Report
- VIII. OWANA Committees, membership, plans, updates
  - A. Zoning and Land Use
  - B. Parks
  - C. Affordable Housing
  - D. Historic Preservation
  - E. Traffic and Safety
  - F. Membership
  - G. Community Events
  - H. Bylaws
  - I. Newsletter/Website
- XI. Other Business and Announcements
  
- IX. Adjourn

VOTE MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY ITEMS

# ZONING REPORT—SEPTEMBER 2012

## 300 Pressler Drive –

Applicant is requesting a change of zoning from LI\_CO-NP Limited Industrial Service district and CS-1-MU-CO Commercial-Liquor Sales district to CS-NP General Commercial Services District. OWANA SC voted to support the applicant with condition that the project complies with the Waterfront Overlay restrictions and no more than 10% of the project is non-residential. Case was approved by consent by Planning Commission with condition of no late night beverage permit. Case went before Council for third and final reading Aug 2.

## 1502 West 9th Street –

Applicant is requesting a building permit for a two car detached garage located at rear of property. Public hearing was heard on Feb 27 before Historic Landmark Commission since property is within the Westline NR Historic District and was approved. A public hearing before Board of Adjustment is scheduled for June 11. Case was postponed and applicant was requested to provide additional information. Aug 13th Applicant returns to BoA for public hearing and is requesting a variance for 0' rear setback instead of 10'. Property abuts an unimproved alley and currently has support from nearby neighbors.

OWANA ZC sent email not opposing a reasonable reduction in rear setback to preserve a tree and existing retaining wall.

## 1200, 1202, 1204 West Lynn, 1601 and 1603 Waterston Ave,

(Jefferies Restaurant Complex) – Applicant is proposing to renovate exterior and interior of structures thereby triggering a public hearing and went before Historic Landmark Commission on Feb 27th due to location being within the Clarksville NR Historic District. New owners withdrew application for a late hours beverage permit. No variances, site plan review nor zoning changes are anticipated.

## Freshly Cut for the Holidays



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## ZONING REPORT CONTINUED

Seating limits are not anticipated to change so there should be no change to parking requirements (valet will continue). No change in status

### **1200 Shelley Avenue**

NRD-2012-0022 –

Applicant has requested a demolition permit for an existing garage and has indicated they would like to construct a garage apartment in its place in the future. Case went before Historic Landmark Commission Mar 27th. No change in status

### **1100 Maufrais St.**

Historic Case Number:

NRD-2012-0021 –

Applicant has requested a demolition and building permit to construct a single story addition to the rear and side of a small craftsman SF contributing house. Case was heard by Historic Landmark Commission on March 26. No change in status

### **608 Blanco Street**

Case Number NRD-20122-0024 – Applicant has requested a Demolition and Building permit for a contributing house within the Castle Hill LHD. Case was scheduled to be heard by HLC March 26th. City staff advised the applicant of current regulations including compliance with CHLHD Design Standards and required review and

approval by HLC. Revised plans have been submitted to Preservation Dept. Project has been significantly redesigned to preserve the majority of the original house and an addition is proposed to the rear. Project would be constructed as single family occupancy.

### **1515 West 5th Street -**

The Land Rover dealership on W. 5th St has submitted an application for Site Development Permit for an addition to the west side of existing building and construction of a new parking garage on retail property to the east. ZC members discussed with the owners architect the importance of obtaining pedestrian and bike connection to the south across UPRR, making both 5th st and Caesar Chavez elevations visually appealing through use of screening.

**1710 W. 10th St.** – a property buyer has

requested variance for an increase to maximum building area of 40SF. The applicant is proposing to preserve the two existing structures and relocate them on the property in order to add an additional structure to form a duplex. Case is scheduled to go before Board of Adjustment June 11. Original structures would be preserved and exteriors restored. CCDC has indicated support for this request and the project is located within the Clarksville National Historic Register District. Case was approved by BoA July 9th, case is inactive

### **1410 West 13th Street -**

The applicant has requested a variance to decrease the minimum off-street parking requirement from 3 off-street parking spaces to 0 off-street parking spaces (4 Non-complying spaces will be provided) in order to relocate a driveway for a duplex residential use in

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an "MF-3-NP", Multi-Family Residence (Medium Density) - Neighborhood Plan zoning district. The applicant has requested a variance to increase the maximum impervious coverage from 45% (65% existing) to 65% in order to relocate a driveway for a duplex residential use in an "MF-3-NP", Multi-Family Residence. Case was scheduled to be heard before BoA July 9th. Status of case is not known

**1711 W 11th St –**  
Applicant has requested a variance to decrease the

minimum common wall requirement for a duplex residential use from 53 feet to approximately 12 feet in order to remodel and existing single family residence and erect an addition to create a duplex residential use in an SF-3-NP, Family Residence. Applicant has

requested a variance from the common roof required by a duplex. Case goes before BoA August 13th. Case was supported by HLC and is supported by Clarksville.

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# Join the Conversations on OWANA Yahoo Discussion Group

The OWANA Discussion Group is a great place to keep in touch with what is happening in the neighborhood. A recent string of messages concerned burglaries in the area. There was also a spirited back and forth discussion about the merits and pitfalls of short-term rentals.

If you are not part of the group, I urge you to join 187 of your neighbors and OWANA supporters who are members of the group. Since the group is hosted by Yahoo, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/owana/> and click on the blue button which says "Join This Group!" Please note that you do not have to be a member of OWANA to participate in the discussion group.

If you have any problems joining the group, please contact me at [oldwestaustin@gmail.com](mailto:oldwestaustin@gmail.com).

George Warmingham  
Membership Chair

## OWANA Discussion Group Terms of Service

September 7, 2012

1. The Old West Austin Neighborhood Association (OWANA) covers the area from Lamar to MoPac and to Lady Bird Lake to Enfield Road.
2. The OWANA Discussion Group is provided as a service for residents

and businesses for the discussion of issues related to Old West Austin.

3. As of [date] these Terms of Service will apply to the OWANA Discussion Group. By participating in the Discussion Group after this date a user agrees to these Terms of Service.
4. Views expressed in this Discussion Group do not necessarily represent the official views of OWANA.
5. Membership in OWANA is not a requirement to use the OWANA Discussion Group but all users will be required to give their name, address and primary email address in order to participate.
6. No attacks will be permitted on persons or businesses. Abuse of this policy may result in the user being removed from the Discussion Group.
7. Commercial use
  - a. OWANA business members may use the OWANA Discussion Group to send up to two commercial messages a year via the Discussion Group provided that the messages include a special offer for OWANA members.
  - b. OWANA residential members may use the Discussion Group up to two times a year to recommend a product or service.

Future changes in the Terms of Service may be made from time to time by posting the new Terms of Service on the home page of the Discussion Group





## Grillin' and Grinnin'

June is the unofficial start of Grilling Season and, at Savory Spice Shop on West 6<sup>th</sup>, it is one of our favorite times of the year. So we have been asking customers and friends what are their favorite things to grill. Many think "outside the box" for some interesting grilling treats. Here are a few great ideas:

Pork Tenderloin with Asian Delight BBQ Rub. This aromatic rub is the perfect complement to pork and creates a lovely glaze while grilling.

Grilled Cabbage – One customer shared this recipe- Quarter the cabbage head, add melted butter, salt and pepper. Then drizzle honey, wrap in foil and grill for about 15 minutes.

Grilled Fruit – It's peach season and they are great

halved then grilled with a sprinkle of Spiced Vanilla Bean Sugar or our Barrier Reef Seasoning. Works well with pineapple or melon, too.

Ribs or Brisket – Our Native Texas BBQ Rub was created by one of our customers, Hank Lewis of San Marcos. This great blend is terrific on ribs, brisket and chicken.

Grilled Vegetables – works great with a grill basket. Try putting cut cauliflower, onions, okra and squash chunks in a Ziploc bag. Add ¼ c soy sauce and ¼ c olive oil, with a spice blend like Mt. Evans BBQ Rub and shake. Grill for about 20 minutes until veggies are done.

Stop in Savory Spice Shop at 1201 West 6<sup>th</sup> for the perfect grilling gift set. With more than 40 gifts sets to choose, you will be sure to have a hit for him and the family.

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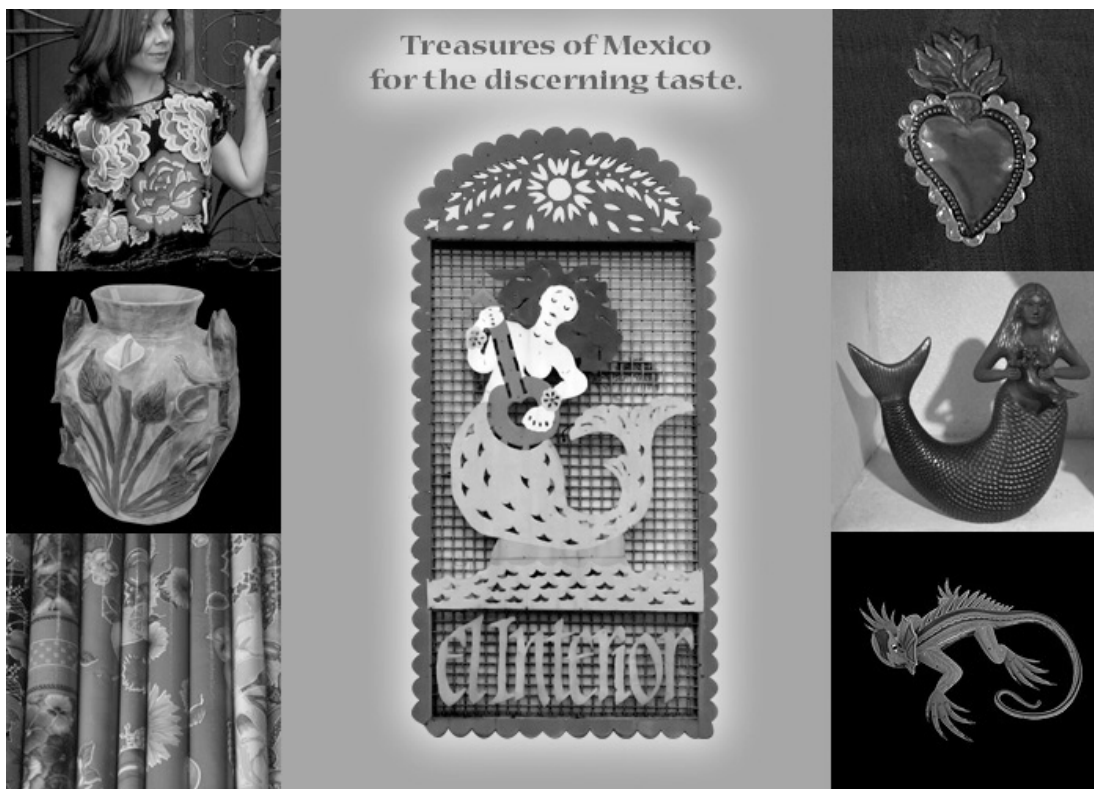
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